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There are now some minor issues that were revealed in the latest reading of the revised manuscript.

1. P(age) 1, (line) 19. Delete [..].
   Done

2. P 3, l 70. If release of the protocol is the date of registration, it should say so.
   This is updated

3. P 5, l 118. Suggest inserting [reduction and possibly] between [local] and [elimination].
   This has been done.

4. P 8, l 171. Rewrite as [500x500 m].
   This has been done.

5. P 12, l 275. Delete [and/].
   This has been done.

6. P 16, l 377. Insert the version of Excel being used. Earlier versions than 2010 have flaws in the random number generator.
   This has been done.

   Embarrassing mistake, glad it was spotted. This has been changed.

8. P 36, l 840. Rewrite as [H, Riley EM:]; ie, delete the [.].
   Done

9. P 36, l 853. Insert the date of last access.
   Done

10. P 38, l 957. Rewrite as [2x2.5 km] and [500x500 m] to be consistent with the rest of the text.
    Done
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